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Bennett: H₂O valve compliance lags behind

Town officials also announce summer outdoor irrigation restrictions

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — A large majority of Bennett residents expected to be directly impacted by the town's plans to ramp up water pressure commu-

nity-wide late this summer are urged to ensure they have the appropriate plumbing extras in place or risk damage to their homes.

During the July 28 Bennett Board of Trustees meeting, Town Administrator Trish Stiles said that the num-

ber of residents who have installed mandatory Pressure Reducing Valves (PRVs) appears woefully low.

"Only about a 9% compliance rate it looks like right now," said Stiles, noting that the stated date to transition to a one-zone pressure system is the

end of September. "Only 78 have taken advantage of the rebate program so far."

A total of 882 Bennett homes will require PRVs to avoid water pressure

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'Loco'commotion

SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

A couple thousand area train enthusiasts converged on Strasburg July 27 to get an up-close-and-personal look at Union Pacific Railroad's 4014 Big Boy steam locomotive. The local whistle stop was one of three in Colorado last Monday and Tuesday on the last leg of the train's summer coast-to-coast tour to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. **SEE PAGES 12-13.**

Interstate buckles under heat; EB closed overnight

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — An overnight shutdown of I-70 between Bennett and Strasburg July 26-27 has I-70 Corridor commuters wondering what other highway problems they might have to endure, especially if the extreme heat persists.

At approximately 8 p.m. Sunday, the Colorado State Patrol initiated an eastbound I-70 closure between the exit 304 Bennett interchange and 310 Strasburg junction after reports of "highway buckling" near mile marker 307 immediately east of Lady Bird Hill were received. What was found was a significant crack and crumbling pavement at the bridge over Yulle Road between Highway 36 and Arapahoe County Road 6.

Eastbound traffic was forced off at Bennett and was detoured north to the parallel old highway when it was allowed to get back on the main thoroughfare at Strasburg.

The Colorado Department of Transportation indicated the roadway damage was caused by ex-

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'Burg Hometown Days names grand marshals

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — During a full slate of activities this Strasburg Hometown Days weekend, a well-known local couple, especially in military circles, will lead Saturday morning's parade procession.

This year's Hometown Days Grand Marshals are Maurice and Mildred "Millie" Mertens.

Maurice and family, including three sons, moved to Strasburg from Brighton in 1982 and it didn't take long for the military veteran to become active in the community.

"My boys wanted to be in the Boy Scouts and the American Legion was their sponsor at the time. I was invited to a meeting at the Legion one night by Roger Bains, who was the Legion commander at the time. When I left that meeting that night, I did so as the new Legion commander and scout master," Maurice said.



STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Maurice and Mildred "Millie" Mertens will serve as Saturday parade grand marshals during Strasburg Hometown Days this weekend.

"That was right after we moved out here."

After a divorce, Maurice met Millie.

"My ex-wife wanted to move elsewhere and I didn't want to, so I stayed and she moved," he said. "A few years later, I met Millie and we've been married 21 years."

The couple met in 1999 through the Ye Old Car Club in Brighton.

"I was a member of the car club and I knew her parents through it," Maurice said.

"I had just moved back after traveling all over with my ex-husband who was in the Navy and we went on date," Millie added. "We were married in 2005. Between the two of us and our five boys, we all settled out here with four of the boys graduating from Strasburg High School."

The couple now boasts seven total grandkids, three in Strasburg, and recently welcomed a great-grandson into the family.

Upon her move out to the Corridor, Millie was president of the local American Legion's Women's Auxiliary.

One of Maurice's local claims to fame is that, in 1986, he founded the annual Hometown Days

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PHOTO COURTESY COLORADO STATE PATROL

Local temperatures in excess of 100 degrees were reportedly partly to blame on an eastbound I-70 closure just east of Lady Bird Hill overnight July 26-27. Paving panels on the bridge over Yulle Road buckled, resulting in a significant crack and the development of potholes.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

Biz organization plans lunch with Air & Space Port leaders

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Colorado Air & Space Port, Watkins. CASP will provide both speakers and lunch. The public can attend the presentation, but guests must RSVP for lunch by Friday, Aug. 14, to officei-70ccoc@gmail.com or (720)731-1954. Space is limited.

Soldiers, vets offered entry to state parks thru August

DENVER — Colorado Parks & Wildlife will again offer free admission to all state parks for active-duty and retired military personnel through August. Qualifying military members, which include veterans and National Guardsmen, can now pick up their free Military Parks Pass, valid for August, at any state park or Parks & Wildlife office by showing proof of their military service. The passes apply to the service member only — spouses and dependents are not eligible. All other fees remain in effect, including camping reservations, boat and off-highway vehicle registrations, and hunting and fishing licenses. The pass is not valid for State Wildlife Areas.

Ranching history the theme of 17 Mile House occasion

CENTENNIAL — Colorado's ranching heritage will bring the West to life at an open house from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 15, at the 17 Mile House Farm Park, 8181 S. Parker Road, Centennial. The event will feature hands-on activities, brand-making, history displays, and lively demonstrations. Participants will include the Colorado Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee's interactive Agriculture Facts Barn Display, Colorado Beef Council, Mile Hi Cattlewomen, the state Brand Commissioner's Office, and the Littleton Museum.

KCs give \$12K to Byers family center



Knights of Columbus representatives John Warren, left, and Jerry Mosbrucker present a check for \$12,000 to Deb Jackson, director of the Family Resource Center of the Eastern Plains in Byers, July 2. Proceeds were raised at KC Council 13221's annual Culture of Life Dinner & Auction fundraiser Feb. 22 at the Byers American Legion Hall. Proceeds were split between the Family Resource Center and the Northeast Colorado Pregnancy Resource Center of Brush. The donation was the largest the center has ever received from the Knights of Columbus Council 13221, which is affiliated with Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church in Byers.

No live cattle will be on hand, but families can "rope-a-steer," milk cows, and churn butter — a crowd favorite. Admission is free but registration is recommended. To sign up, visit www.arapahoeco.gov/17milehouse.

Worship in the Park planned by Byers Community Church

BYERS — Byers Community Church will introduce its new pastor and its next installment of Worship in the Park at 10 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 16, at Byers Park. In addition to the introduction of the Rev. Bethany Peerbolte, worshipers will enjoy a picnic. Participants should bring their own lunch. The church will provide drinks and desserts. Visitors should bring a lawn chair or sit at the picnic tables under the pavilion as the congregation gathers to reflect on God's word. Worship in the Park concludes for

the season on Sunday, Sept. 20. Byers Community Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). **Health officials alert public of rise in salmonella cases** DENVER — The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment is asking Coloradans to watch for the symptoms of *Salmonella* because of a significant increase in cases. From July 1-28, more than 250 salmonella cases were reported in the state. Over the past five years, Colorado has averaged 125 cases in July. Symptoms of *Salmonella* can include diarrhea, fever, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting. Colorado has advanced foodborne illness surveillance capacity, and the Colorado State Public Health Laboratory uses whole genome sequencing to compare the genetic fingerprints of *Salmonella* bacteria from positive tests. The testing helps public health officials quickly identify and detect in-

creases in cases. Federal investigators have not confirmed a specific food, restaurant, supplier or other source.

'Burg's railroad history topic of Hometown Days program

STRASBURG — A presentation about Strasburg's railroad history and the 156th anniversary of the joining of the rails event will open Hometown Days on Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave. The discussion will include photographs and stories of the community's history. Doors open at 5:30 with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

Ladies tea party scheduled by Calvary Chapel Bennett

BENNETT — Calvary Chapel Bennett will host a ladies' summer tea party from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Bennett Community Center, 1100 W. Colfax Ave. Local women ages 10 and up are invited for a light lunch at an afternoon of fellowship, friendship and tea as they make new connections with other women in the community. Each participant should bring a wrapped box of their favorite tea to exchange. Registration is required by Saturday, Aug. 8. To RSVP, call (303)261-8853. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

Parks & Rec outing destined for gambling at Black Hawk

STRASBURG — The bus leaves at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 20, from Strasburg for a senior excursion to the casinos at Black Hawk. The trip, which costs \$20, is intended for adults only without age restrictions. A minimum of 10 passengers is required or the trip will be canceled. Lunch is not included. Advanced reservations are required due to limited seating. To RSVP, visit www.strasburgparks.org or call (303)622-4260. The bus will depart from the Strasburg Recreation Center, 1932 Burton St.

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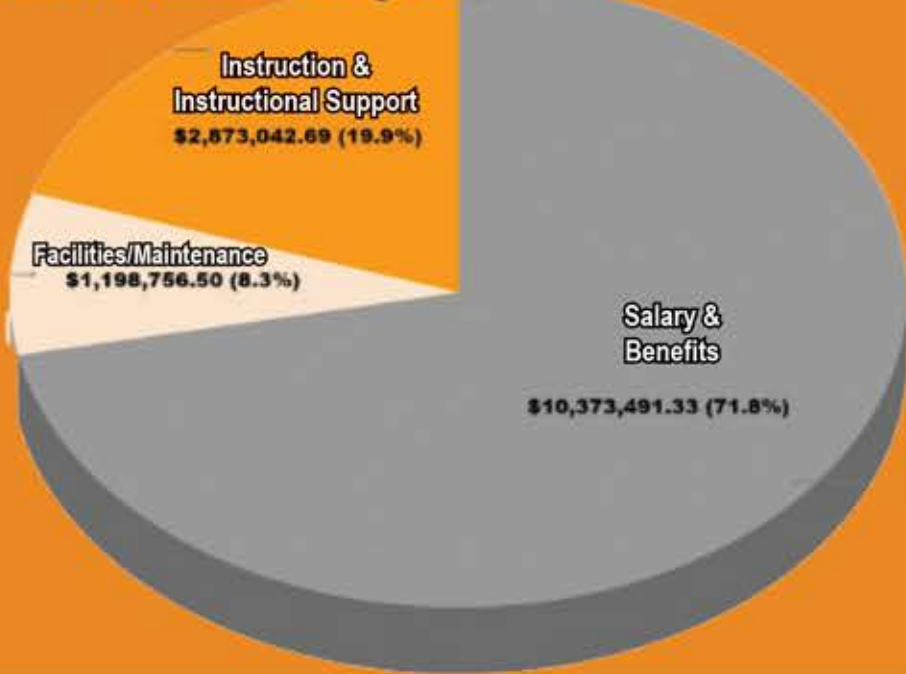


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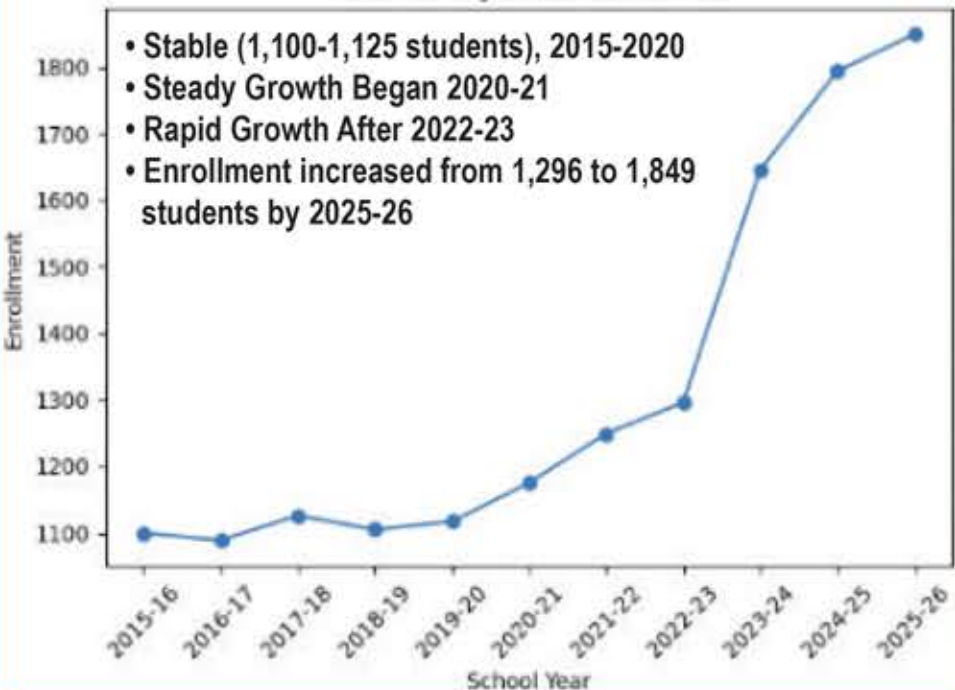
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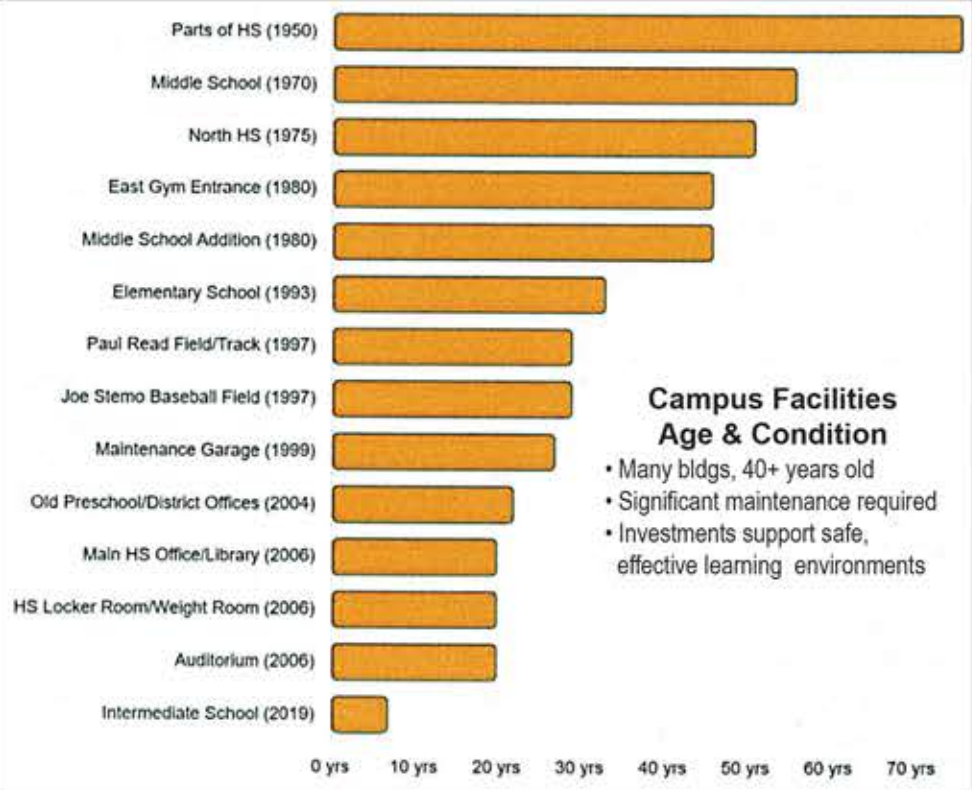


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New 'Burg park site of Saturday Hometown Days fun

STRASBURG — The usual schedule of events on Saturday afternoon for Strasburg Hometown Days Aug. 6-9 will take place at a different site. The annual chili cook-off, watermelon feed and community concert by the High Plains Music Ensemble will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the new Community Park East, 1866 Wagner St. Other activities there will include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for middle- and high- schoolers, a pie baking contest, and a petting zoo. Another new Saturday event will be a live watercolor painting demonstration and giveaway from 12-4 p.m. at the Comanche Crossing Museum, 56060 E. Colfax Ave.

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Hometown Days Parade Route
Parade entries are to check in at Strasburg Elementary School
Parade concludes at the Strasburg School Grounds
Parade begins at Colfax and Wagner
Haystack Ride Stops
1. 100th St. South side of Colfax Ave
2. 100th St. South side of Colfax Ave
3. 100th St. South side of Colfax Ave
4. 100th St. South side of Colfax Ave
5. 100th St. South side of Colfax Ave
SUBMITTED MAP

This coming Saturday's Hometown Days Parade will traverse eastbound Colfax Avenue between Wagner and Adams Street before turning north and ending at the Strasburg Schools campus. The parade starts at 10 a.m. but temporary road closures along the route will be implemented starting around 9:30 a.m.

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Cow Plop, an American Legion fundraiser.

Tickets are sold and the participant who picks the correct grid number that a cow poops on and who picks the time closest to when the animal does its business are the winners.

"Always been a lot of fun, especially having to explain the rules to those new to the contest or new to the area," Maurice said.

Millie added that, a few years ago, a new set of questions were asked by an inquisitive young lady. "She wasn't very old but wanted to know when the last time the cow ate, what it was she ate, and things like that," Millie said. "She was taking it very seriously."

After being in charge of the fundraiser for almost four decades, Maurice has handed off the duty.

"I provided the cow for most years but someone else is doing that and taking the whole thing over," he said. "It actually works out well for me this year because, in addition to being one of the grand marshals, I get to be part of the (Sunday) car show with my '59 Cadillac, two-door hard top."

This year's Hometown Days car show is at Strasburg Community Church, which is also where the cow plop will occur.

Since its inception, the cow plop contest had been occurred in the American Legion parking lot until this year.

When asked about being named grand marshals, both Maurice and Millie said they were caught off-guard.

"We were surprised, very surprised actually when we were told they wanted to ask us to be the grand marshals," they said. "But very honored. It's great to be part of this wonderful community."

This Saturday's parade starts at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Colfax Avenue and Wagner Street and will proceed east down Colfax Avenue to Adams Street.

The procession will continue north on Adams to the Strasburg School campus.

Parade entry registration will occur earlier in the morning at Strasburg Elementary School and temporary road closures along the parade route will take effect at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Wagner Street in front of Community Park will also be closed to traffic from 4:30-11 p.m. Friday during Hometown Days kickoff activities.

Hemphill Middle School parents are urged to utilize the North Baseball Field parking lot and Sunset Avenue.

MOTORIZED VEHICLE, OTHER RESTRICTIONS

While non-licensed or non-street-legal vehicles are allowed during the parade procession, they are forbidden on the roads any other time.

"Operating non-licensed vehicles (outside of parade) —including dirt bikes, ATVs, UTVs, and electric bikes (e-bikes)—on public roadways, in parks, or in any manner that interferes with the parade, spectators, or motorists is strictly prohibited," said a joint statement from Hometown Days organizers and the Adams County Sheriff's Office. "With the influx of visitors for Strasburg Hometown Days, there will be an abundance of pedestrians, bicyclists, and young children moving throughout the town. We urge all motorists to exercise extreme caution, reduce their speed, eliminate distractions and remain highly vigilant while driving."

In previous years, unauthorized vehicles have been pulled over and drivers cited for roadway violations during Hometown Days.

Law enforcement also reiterated open alcohol containers are not permitted outside of private property or designated/licensed alcohol vendor areas. In addition, public consumption of marijuana is expressly forbidden.

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People line up to speak inside the Hudson Town Hall during a public hearing on the proposed Hudson Immigration Detention Center July 15.

Hudson sued over ICE facility

by Brian Eason
Colorado Capitol News Alliance

An immigrant rights group last week sued the town of Hudson in an attempt to block the Trump administration from converting a shuttered private prison into an immigrant detention facility.

The lawsuit, filed July 22 in Weld County District Court, argues the property isn't zoned for a detention center and accuses town officials of ignoring their own land use codes by allowing the GEO Group to open the facility without a special permit.

"This case is about whether the town of Hudson is powerless to act in the face of plans to open a 1,200-bed immigration detention facility within its borders," the lawsuit says. "It is not."

The site of the former Hudson Correctional Facility has been home to months of protests over a proposal to reopen it as U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement's second detention center in Colorado. Last week, GEO Group, a Florida-based private prison operator, announced it had signed a five-year, \$528.7 million contract to operate the facility as the Big Horn immigration detention center, thrusting the small town of about 1,600 people into the political spotlight.

In a statement provided to *The Colorado Sun*, Town Manager Bryce Lange did not respond directly to the lawsuit's claims.

"We understand that immigration enforcement policies are a topic of national debate, but the town's role is not to determine immigration enforcement," Lange said. "However, the town remains committed to focusing on its roles at the local level such as water, wastewater, streets, and public safety."

The suit was brought by Together Colorado, a multifaith nonprofit, and Weld County resident Janet Carlson. Workers rights group Towards Justice is litigating the case.

Opponents of the detention center packed the July 15 Hudson town council meeting to voice their disgust.

But town leaders denied having any power to stop the federal government from opening such a facility.

"The town does not have approval authority over federal immigration detention operations at this private facility," town officials said in a statement.

David Seligman, the executive director of Towards Justice, said in a statement that that's simply not true.

"Hudson is not a bystander," said Seligman, a Democrat who mounted an unsuccessful primary run earlier this year for state attorney general. "The town has the authority and the obligation to act."

The lawsuit says that the facility's land is zoned for industrial uses — a category that doesn't include deten-

tion centers or correctional facilities.

When the facility was used previously as a private prison on behalf of the state of Alaska, it operated under a conditional use permit issued in 2008 and approved by town voters through a ballot measure, the lawsuit says. That permit said "any proposed change to the specified use of the facility" had to go back to the town government for approval.

The facility closed in 2013.

At the July 15 meeting, Hudson officials said they are preparing for potential impacts from the center, including coordination with emergency response agencies. But the town mostly remains in the dark.

Lange, the town manager, said that officials were still trying to establish direct communication with GEO to learn about the center's operational timeline as well as staffing and traffic.

GEO's track record elsewhere has not been one of transparency or co-operation with local officials. It also operates the immigration detention facility in Aurora. The company is currently in a standoff with local health officials who say GEO is blocking their investigation into the possible spread of tuberculosis there.

In a release, Rev. Ben Konecny of Greeley's First Congregational Church, characterized the fight as a moral obligation for people of faith.

"ICE detention facilities have proven time and time again to be sites of human rights atrocities and constitutional violations," Konecny said. "This one will be no exception."

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Repairs to a “buckled” portion of I-70 near Lady Bird Hill were completed about 5:30 a.m. July 27. The large crack and potholes were first noticed about 8 p.m. the prior day.

I-70 CLOSURE

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treme summer heat, which led to expansion of the roadway and pavement panels bursting at their seams. At least one metro-area meteorologist reported a Sunday high temperature of 104 degrees in the Bennett and Strasburg areas. The threshold temperature for significant pavement expansion is 90 degrees or hotter.

Surface patching and other repairs took place overnight with the roadway reopened soon after 5:30 a.m.

At press time, no confirmed reports of any damage to vehicles because of the widening chasm on the bridge had been received.

Multiple questions about additional issues or immediately pending road or bridge repairs in the damaged area were not answered by state highway officials last week.

A CDOT spokeswoman added the agency “has a maintenance team [patrolling] this area.”



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CHASE WOODRUFF/Colorado Newsline
Greg Lopez, then a Republican candidate for Colorado governor, attends the Western Conservative Summit in Aurora in 2022. He will be on the 2026 ballot as an unaffiliated candidate for governor. Lopez became a self-described “placeholder” in Congress following former U.S. Rep. Ken Buck’s resignation in March 2024.

Ex-CD 4 rep enters gov’s race as indy

by Lindsay Toomer
Colorado Newsline

Former U.S. Rep. Greg Lopez will be on the ballot as an unaffiliated candidate for Colorado governor in November.

The former Republican, who spent six months representing Colorado’s 4th Congressional District in Congress in 2024, has run for governor twice before, losing in primary elections in both 2018 and 2022.

The secretary of state’s office announced Tuesday that Lopez submitted a sufficient number of signatures to appear on the November ballot. Unaffiliated candidates for governor must submit 1,000 valid signatures from each congressional district in Colorado, and he comfortably cleared that requirement. The secretary of state’s office verified just under 12,000 of the signatures Lopez submitted.

Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser won the Democratic primary election for Colorado governor in June, defeating U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet. Victor Marx won the Republican nomination, and Jeff Peckman is running as a member of the Unity Party. The winner will succeed Gov. Jared Polis, who is term-limited.

Weiser is the heavy favorite in the race. Colorado has only elected one Republican governor since 1975, and Democrats are widely expected to hold on to the governorship and other statewide offices in a favorable mid-term election this year.

Lopez became a self-described “placeholder” in Congress following former U.S. Rep. Ken Buck’s resignation in March 2024. Shortly afterwards, a small committee of Republican Party members nominated Lopez to finish Buck’s term, and he went on to defeat Democrat Trisha Calverese in the June special election. GOP Rep. Lauren Boebert of Windsor won election to a full term representing the 4th District later that year.

Lopez previously served as mayor of Parker.

Marx, who lives in El Paso County, is the founder of All Things Possible Ministries, a nonprofit that purports to do humanitarian work around the globe. Throughout his primary campaign, he declined to answer questions about the organization’s specific activities and scope of work. He also dodged questions about whether he’s killed people or how many.

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issues after the change is made. Impacted households are from the four areas of town developed prior to 2020 — Centennial, Brothers Four, Cordella Estates and Old Town north of the train tracks. New development and most homes built within the past six years are exempt from the PRV installation. Antelope Hills is not affected because it has a separate water system.

The installation of PRVs might also require an additional pressure tank and more capacity, but Stiles reiterated that the town has a reimbursement program in place that allows residents to receive up to \$552 to help cover expenses.

“We really hope our residents can take advantage of the rebate program,” she said. “Up to now, we’ve seen about \$200 average out-of-pocket expense.”

Expectations are that the planned one-pressure system will be more cost-effective in the future.

Stiles said that the water pressure transition could be pushed back, but no decision has been confirmed.

“We have the wastewater reclamation project scheduled in the same time frame and staff wants to make sure the treatment plant comes online on schedule,” she said. “So maybe an extension on the PRV, [but] we are really wanting to push forward with that project [too].”

Over the past 10 years, the town decommissioned the historic elevated water storage tank north of the train tracks and built a 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tank near town hall to increase water pressure. The move to a one-pressure-zone system is expected to enhance efficiency and reliability and reduce maintenance on the water distribution system. Initially town officials considered implementing pressure mitigation on the municipal lines but opted to pass the expense and complications on to homeowners of longstanding dwellings within town limits.

OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS

As extreme summer heat and dryness persists, Stiles and town staff also determined last week to



Construction work on Eighth Street leading into the center parking lot of the Bennett School campus quickly progressed last week.



implement stage 1 outdoor watering restrictions.

As of July 27, all Bennett water customers will be limited to four hours of outdoor watering per week with no irrigation or hand watering allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Under the new schedule, even-numbered addresses can water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and odd-numbered addresses can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

A number of outdoor watering activities are prohibited, including washing of sidewalks, driveways, parking lots and other hard surfaces and cleaning of building exteriors except when necessary for fire protection. Car washing is allowed only on individuals’ designated watering days and must be done using a bucket or a hose with a shutoff nozzle.

Residents are also urged to prevent runoff of irrigation water into streets or gutters and to immediately repair water leaks or other pipeline breaches.

“These restrictions are intended to reduce de-

mand on the town’s water system and help ensure an adequate water supply for essential domestic use and fire protection,” a town statement said. “Residents with new sod, seed or other qualifying landscaping may apply for a temporary watering permit through the town.”

An original restriction deadline of Sept. 8 has been set but Stiles and town staff could modify that date as conditions warrant. Warnings and fines are among enforcement measures allowed in town code.

While Adams County recently downgraded its burn ban to Stage 1, Bennett still has Stage 2 fire restrictions in place.

3-2 VOTES

The board voted 3-2 in favor of a request from Muegge Farms Metropolitan District No. 3 to extend the timeline for completing Penrith Road improvements until June 30 of next year.

The extension allows the district additional time to complete the road and related infrastructure, which are part of a development agreement with the town. While Mayor Pro Tem Royce Pindell and new board members Joshua Arbogast and Bonnie Brown voted in favor, dissenting votes were cast by Mayor Whitney Oakley and Denise Smith, who contended the metro district has been allowed more than adequate time to construct the road and implement necessary improvements. Trustees Donna Sus and Christopher Clemens were absent.

Smith, Brown and Arbogast voted in favor of an ordinance to increase board compensation to \$500 per month for trustees and \$1,000 for mayor, starting with the 2028 election, while Pindell and Oakley were nay votes.

The affirmative vote followed a previous 4-1 tally against a proposal to increase the stipend to \$1,000 per month for trustees and \$2,500 for mayor after the next election cycle.

The board next meets Tuesday, Aug. 11, at town hall with a study session scheduled at 5:45 p.m. and the regular board meeting following at 7 p.m.

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While a garage was considered a total loss during a mid-afternoon structure fire at a property along South Nutmeg Street in the Box Elder Creek Ranches subdivision southwest of Bennett, no other structures were lost no people or animals were injured or lost. The blaze took about two hours to fully extinguish. In addition to firefighters from Bennett-Watkins, Sable Altura and Strasburg fire departments, neighbors stepped in to assist with rescuing animals on the property as the owners were not in the area.



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An Ordinance Amending Section 2-2-100 of the Bennett Municipal Code to Increase the Compensation of Future Mayors and Trustees.
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- School supply lists will be available in the elementary office.

Back to School Night:
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First Day of School:
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STEVEN VETTER/The I-70 Scout

Activities normally associated with camping were the focus of a summer reading program hosted by Davies Library in Deer Trail July 22. Above, Ryan Murphy, 11, works on his knot-tying skills.

LIBRARY NEWS

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY
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Yoga in the Stacks: Adults can practice poses that focus on alignment, stability and flexibility with Bennett yoga instructor Scott Noble. Mats provided. All skill levels welcome. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 8.

Teen Hangout: Teens ages 13-18 hang out, play games, and enjoy snacks with friends. Gaming consoles, board games, crafts, other activities available. 3:30-6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Open Create with CCAL: Adult artists can collaborate at a gathering hosted by the Corridor Creative Arts League. They can bring their own projects and supplies or choose from a variety provided by the library. 4:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 12.

Bennett Sci-Fi Book Club: Bennett's beloved Sci-Fi Book Club is now meeting at Anythink Bennett library. Readers will gather with fellow sci-fi enthusiasts for lively conversations. Appropriate for adults. 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13.

Open Hours with CSU Extension: Colorado State University Extension in Adams County will provide gardening tips, farming guidance or youth development opportunities through 4-H — including animal care, STEM, health and life skills. Appropriate for all ages. English only. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14.

Teen Fortnite Tournament: Teen ages 11-17 will compete in an Anythink World Fortnite Tournament, a chaotic Capture the Flag showdown on two custom Anythink creative maps. Whether participating as a runner making a mad dash for the enemy base, or a defender protecting the flag with their life, the event is all about teamwork. Players should bring their own controller, headphones and peripherals (controllers optional). Prizes will go to the winners. Space is limited, registration recommended but not required. 4:15-6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 18.

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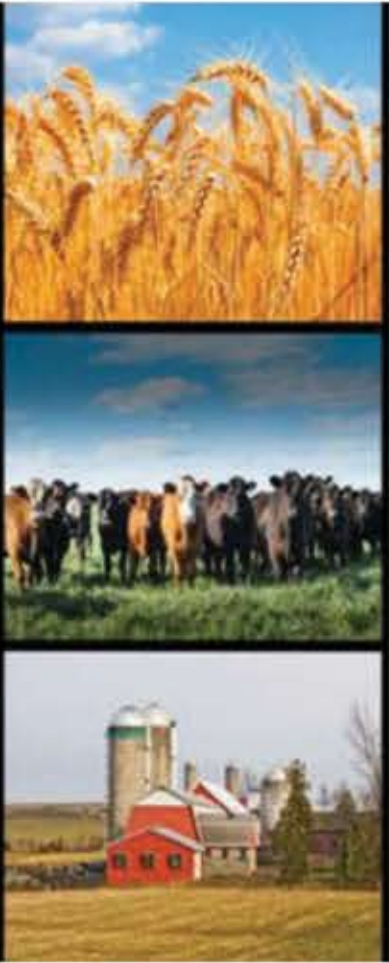
Adult book club: "The Art and Science of Connection: Why Social Health Is the Missing Key to Living Longer, Healthier, and Happier" by Kasley Killam. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Beautiful Butterflies: Adults will observe tropical butterfly specimens from around the world and learn about their behaviors and life cycles in a presentation by the Butterfly Pavilion. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 19.

DAVIES LIBRARY
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Family Place Play & Learn: Toddlers ages 1-3 are invited to play, craft and learn in this four-part program. Each week, early childhood professionals (such as a child behavior specialist, music teacher, nutritionist or speech therapist) will answer questions in an informal setting. Drop-ins welcome as space allows. 10:45-11:45 p.m., every Thursday, Aug. 6-27.

Tea at 2: Adults are invited to Tea at 2 for tea and activities, such as cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages. Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 7.



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Anythink Bennett library's MySummer program continued July 22 with a Weave & Grow, Textile Book-mark Making craft event. Juana Rocha from Museo de las Americas visited to teach one application for traditional weaving done by the Maya in Guatemala. Above, Reagan Hill, 7, tightens up the yarn on her project.



Anythink Bennett library hosted a MySummer Reading Program magic show with Denver-based magician and mentalist Erica Sodos July 24. Formally trained in theatre and in the art of clowning, Sodos started her magic career in 2006. Clockwise from above photo, Anthony Porter, 7, has difficulty with a magic wand; Sodos performs a linking ring trick; and 1-year-old Katie Porter watches in awe while held by her mother, Krystal.



Anythink Bennett library hosted a Root Vegetable Desserts workshop July 18 where participants learned the history and a wide variety of baking techniques when it comes to these unique sweet treats. Above, Megan Uhl, left and Amy Johnson take a taste.

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Anythink Bennett library hosted a water obstacle course July 29 as part of its MySummer Reading program. Youngsters beat the summer heat by playing lawn games located around a water feature shaped like a flower. Clockwise from above left, Raelyn Rygg, 1½, learns about croquet; Heidi O'Donnell, 3, hops around in a sack race; and Lilah Maughan, 5, and Andrew Calcote enjoy a water fight.



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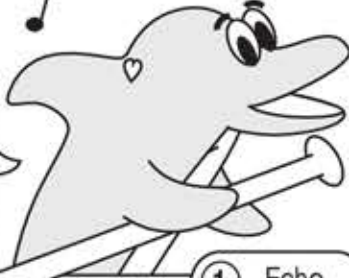
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4 Nah! As you know, dolphins aren t fish. We re mammals. We are warm-blooded. Unless, of course, you are talking about the dolphin fish, which isn t really a dolphin. It s a cold-blooded animal. It s found in warm waters such as those around Hawaii and is commonly called Mahi-mahi.

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Where Do You Go?

There is lots to do during the summer months! **Match the summer activities to the spots you might visit to do them:**

1. town fairs

2. baseball games

3. running races

4. nature hikes

5. outdoor concerts

A. woods, mountains, peaks

B. roads around town, tracks

C. fairgrounds

D. gazebos, town greens, parks

E. sports stadiums

1. ship cruises

2. tennis matches

3. yard sales

4. funhouses, rides

5. car shows

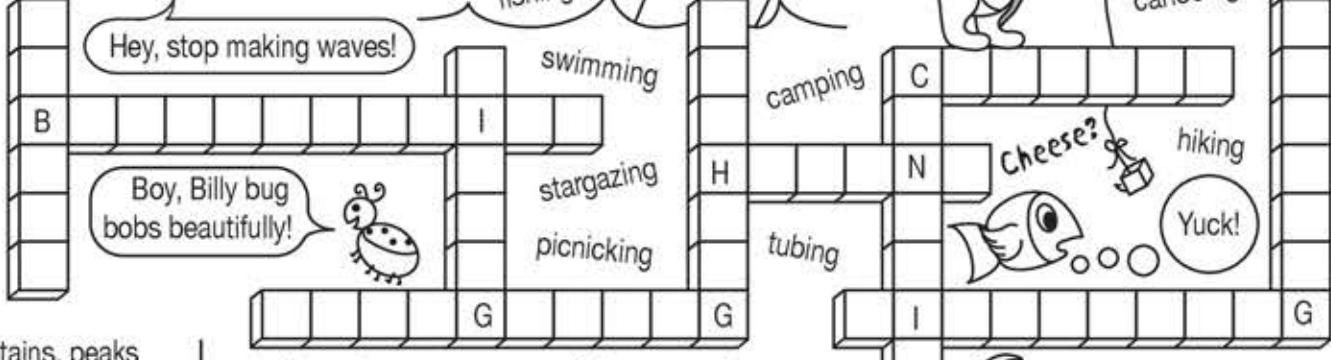
A. homes, yards, garages

B. amusement parks

C. courts

D. civic centers, parking lots

E. rivers, oceans



Hey, stop making waves!

Boy, Billy bug bobs beautifully!

swimming

stargazing

picnicking

camping

tubing

hiking

Yuck!

Cheese?

Why did the banana use sunscreen? It didn t want to peel.

Answer:



Coming! Almost done!

Be right there!

Unplug. Then Spring Into Action!

Unplug from everything, then spring into action. Fill in the missing vowels to spell the names of things that you can unplug from. Next, match it to a fun activity to replace it!

Unplug from:

1. c _ llph _ n _ s

2. t _ l _ v _ s _ _ n

3. c _ mp _ t _ rs

4. G P S

5. _ m _ _ l

1. music pl _ y _ rs

2. m _ cr _ w _ v _ _ oven

3. w _ bs _ t _ s

4. v _ d _ _ games

5. video str _ _ m _ ng

Then Spring Into Action:

A. write letter, address envelope, mail it

B. research reference books at library

C. study paper maps, a globe

D. visit and have a chat in person

E. enjoy a play at a theater or a school

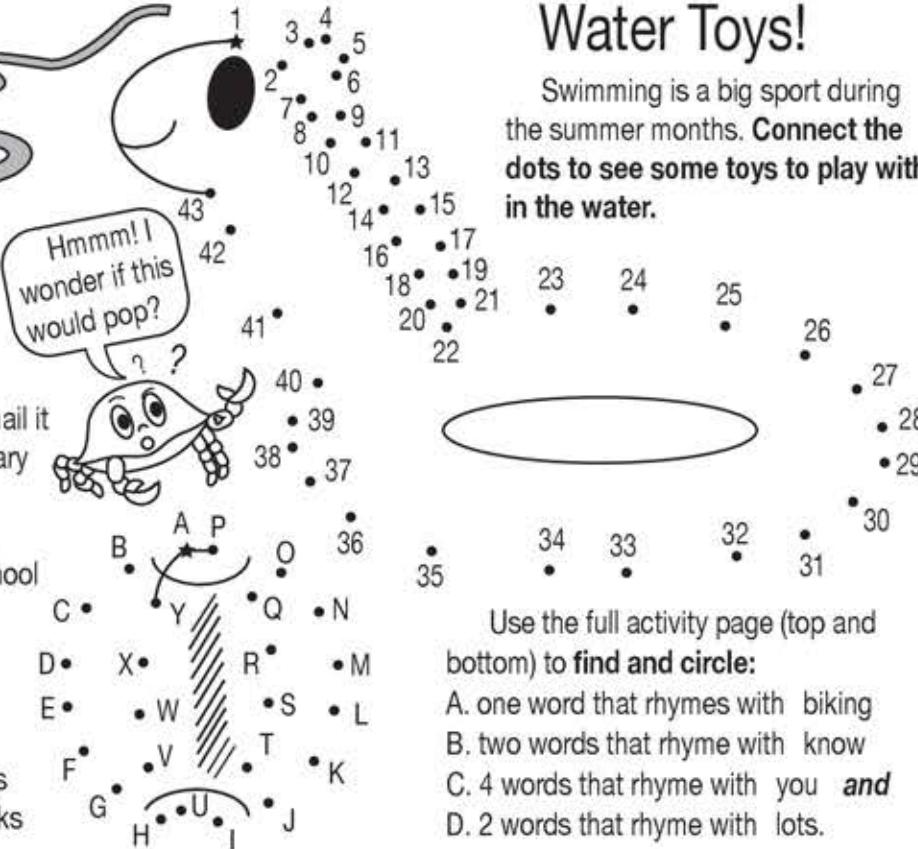
A. cook on the grill with Dad

B. go to a drive-in movie

C. rock out at a live concert

D. play board games with friends

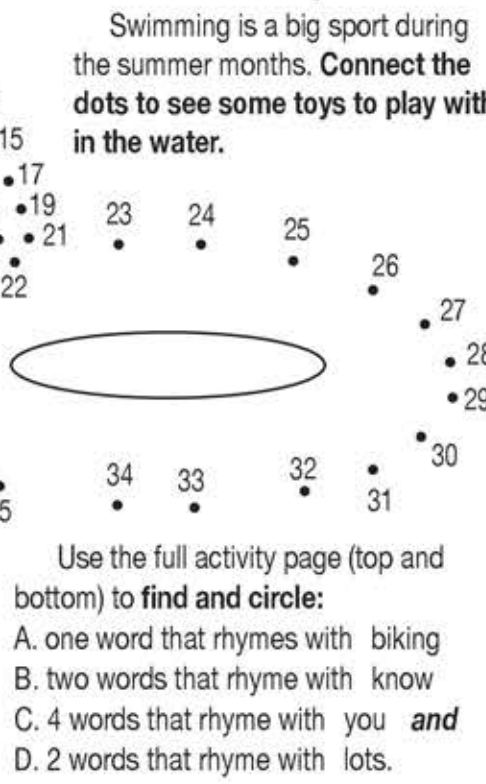
E. read comics, magazines, books



Hmmm! I wonder if this would pop?

Water Toys!

Swimming is a big sport during the summer months. **Connect the dots to see some toys to play with in the water.**



Use the full activity page (top and bottom) to **find and circle**:

A. one word that rhymes with biking

B. two words that rhyme with know

C. 4 words that rhyme with you **and**

D. 2 words that rhyme with lots.

Weather Watch!

The summertime is full of unsettled weather. Sometimes there are floods from too much rain. Some areas of the country may hurt from drought caused by a lack of rain. Tornadoes may wreak havoc on homes and stores. Lightning streaking through the air and booming thunder will send us scurrying into our houses on hot summer afternoons. While having fun, keep an eye on the sky!

Find and circle the underlined weather words:



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THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 8, 2006

Despite the wettest July in over 15 years, the I-70 Corridor remains in a drought situation, according to state climatologists. Between 6 and 10 inches of rain fell along most of the Corridor between July 4 and Aug. 4; however, the area was already 8-plus inches short year-to-date as of the beginning of July. According to the Aug. 1 Drought Monitor, Eastern Colorado remains under moderate or severe drought conditions (D1 or D2 classification, respectively). Entering July, most of the Corridor was suffering severe (D2) to extreme (D3) drought conditions. "Things have improved somewhat because of last month's moisture," said Allen Soderstrom, climatologist and weather statistician with Denver-based Hi Plains Climate Associates. "However, things were so dry leading up to that and the rate at which the moisture fell was so hard that full recovery from the drought was unlikely. "Soil moisture remains well below normal and another long hot, dry spell could put the area back where it started at the beginning of July." Soderstrom said many reports were received where July rains fell at the rate of an inch per half-hour, which is too fast to allow substantial increase in soil moisture depth and retention.

15 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 9, 2011

STRASBURG — Several Strasburg subdivisions were asked to cease lawn watering for 48 hours beginning Aug. 2 and are under mandatory watering restrictions for the rest of the summer. Water customers of the Eastern Adams County Metropolitan District, which includes the Coyote Ridge, Blackstone and Wolf Creek Run neighborhoods north of Strasburg received notice of the watering limits after increased watering in response to July's hot, dry weather strained the district's three wells. District operator Wayne Ramey said Aug. 5 that customers cooperated and the wells have recouped. "We let them rest for 48 hours and production came back up and

we recovered the levels in our tanks," he said. EACMD's alluvial wells normally produce around 210 gallons a minute, but were down to 135 before the 2-day lawn watering ban. "[The wells] hadn't gotten any rest because people were using excessive amounts of water," Ramey said. "... All that extended heat and the wells being run like that, you run the risk of losing those wells if you don't let them get a rest once in a while." Availability of water for fires is a key factor in the restriction. "Those tanks also have to maintain for fire flow," Ramey said. "It wasn't so much that we couldn't keep up, it was the fact that if we let them drain down any more, then if there's a fire you don't have water availability."

10 YEARS AGO
AUGUST 9, 2016

GREENWOOD VILLAGE - The regional health agency overseeing the I-70 Corridor recently asked residents to step up efforts to minimize contact with prairie dogs and fleas because of plague concerns. The Tri-county Health Department informed *The I-70 Scout* Aug. 5 that it recently confirmed an outbreak of plague that led to a die-off of prairie dogs on a three to four acre parcel about five miles south of Bennett. No pets, livestock or people have been diagnosed with the disease. "It's now a vacant prairie dog colony that was reported by a home owner," said Monte Deatrich, environmental health manager for Tri-County. "It's now under control. We went ahead and dusted the area to kill fleas." Deatrich urged residents to not only minimize their own contact with potentially-infected prairie dogs but that pets be fitted with flea collars and kept from area where the rodents exist. "The fear is that (especially dogs) bring a flea home and eventually it jumps off and gets on a person," he said. "People in an agriculture area like (the I-70 Corridor) usually understand that prairie dogs carry fleas and they need to take precautions against them."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 2026. There are 148 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Aug. 5, 1962, South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela was arrested on charges of leaving the country without a valid passport and inciting workers to strike; it was the beginning of 27 years of imprisonment.

ALSO ON THIS DATE

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln signed the Revenue Act of 1861, which levied the first income tax on Americans (a flat tax of 3% on those making over \$800/year) to help fund the Union's Civil War effort.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut led his fleet to victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay, Alabama.

In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1914, the first electric traffic light system was installed in Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the 200-meter dash at the Berlin Olympics, collecting the third of his four gold medals.

In 1957, the music and dance show "American Bandstand," hosted by Dick Clark, made its national network debut, beginning a 30-year run on ABC.

In 1962, Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from "acute barbiturate poisoning."

In 1964, U.S. Navy pilot Everett

Alvarez Jr. became the first American flyer to be shot down and captured by North Vietnam; he was held prisoner until February 1973.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor-singer Maureen McCormick is 70. Actor Jonathan Silverman is 60. Actor Jesse Williams is 45. Actor/singer Olivia Holt is 29.

—Associated Press

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THEME: HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ACROSS

1. Thanksgiving tubers

5. ___ Patrol

8. Boo-hoos

12. Burn soothing plant

13. "Frat Pack" member Wilson

14. ___ ligation

15. Sound an alarm

16. Marvin, Majors and Greenwood

17. O. Henry's specialty

18. "Marilyn Monroe: 'Happy Birthday, Mr. ___"

20. Sporting sword

21. Blue pencil marks

22. Knight's title

23. "One for every year

26. Custodian

30. Be in debt

31. Stay clear of

34. Accompanies relief

35. #1 Down, pl.

37. Owned

38. Subway in Paris

39. Shore extension

40. Per ___

42. Even, poetic

43. City in Netherlands

45. Like voice during laryngitis

47. Barents or Laptev, e.g.

48. Noah's passengers

50. Type of code

52. "Astrological sign for those born on New Year's Eve

56. Black one and white one, for Tchaikovsky

57. Crematorium jars

58. "The Odyssey," e.g.

59. Make this, not waste

60. Let it stand, to proofreader

61. Governmental space agency, acr.

62. The windows to the soul

63. Money in Myanmar

64. Theodora or Dorothea

DOWN

1. Bark or yelp

2. Relating to armpit

3. "___ and many ___"

4. Detected

5. "Like 16

6. Hiking sandals of a certain brand

7. Of the present month

8. "Greeting to the birthday honoree, sometimes

9. Bassoon cousin

10. Misery cause

11. Canny

13. Dated tunes

CROSSWORD

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 18

HOROSCOPE

On the Cusp of a Venus Change

Venus changes signs tomorrow. Today is a liminal moment, like the hour before guests arrive when you straighten the pillows, open a window and decide what belongs in the room. Things don't have to be "bad" to be "not right for this time," and it's perfectly fine to change things up just for the sake of change itself. Fresh beauty is knocking at the door.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As Venus changes the subject, let go of trying to impress anyone. Your warmth will accomplish what performance never could. The people meant for you will crave your attention, not your perfection. You make them feel seen, and that's enough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As Venus leaves your sign, let go of believing every answer has to come from you. The next chapter is collaborative. Your greatest advantage won't be knowing everything, but attracting people whose strengths naturally complement your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As Venus returns home to your sign, let go of waiting to enjoy your life. Beauty isn't a reward for finishing the work. It's nourishment that helps you do the work with greater joy, confidence and generosity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As Venus heads home to Libra, let go of trying to read every hidden motive. Some people are exactly as kind as they appear. Curiosity will serve you well, and people will enjoy responding to your respectful questions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As Venus waves goodbye to Virgo, let go of perfection. Going forward, you'll need more connection than correction. You may even come to the realization that something you called a "flaw" is what makes you irresistible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As the atmosphere softens, let go of measuring every opportunity by its immediate usefulness. From where you're standing, it's impossible to see how it will all come together. Trust that some of your most treasured future experiences will begin as today's simple pleasures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As Venus slips into Libra, let go of assuming you have to do everything differently. Innovation often involves invention, but not always. Sometimes it's about giving your unique take on the obvious solution.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As one Venus story ends and another begins, let go of being the emotional sponge for those with messy feelings. You try to help wherever you can, and you've been generous. But you're allowed to live in lightness, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). On the last day of Venus in Virgo, let go of overthinking. Going forward you'll need more curiosity than certainty. There's no reason to fear being seen for who you are right now, as-is, because fortune will favor your authenticity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As this Venus chapter draws to a close, let go of second-guessing yourself. Instinct over analysis is the way. And there's no reason to fear making the first move, because your motion activates those around you to support you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In these final moments of Venus in Virgo, let go of what merely functions. It's got to delight you, too — otherwise you won't keep coming back. A sustainable dynamic will be rich in both beauty and efficiency.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As Venus packs her bags for Libra, let go of whatever stands in the way of accepting help. Is it your pride? Or are you worried there are strings attached? It's better to take those risks and take the help that's offered.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 5). It's your Year of Righting Personal Injustice. In whatever ways you've settled, you'll draw a new boundary and rise. With every choice to bring your focus back to what you find exciting, fun and fulfilling, your life grows richer. Stressors and limits fall away. More highlights: You'll hone your voice and be applauded for originality. Unexpected money will be best lavished on you. Sanctuary, laughs and agency. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 33, 2, 27 and 12.

—Horoscopes by Holiday

THESE DUSTY PAGES

Flood Waters
Damage Local
Rail Bridges

TRAIN SERVICE ABANDONED
FOR SEVERAL DAYS

High waters in local creeks during the past week or so have done considerable damage to bridges in this region, particularly in the Byers, Peoria and Deer Trail communities.

Several spans of the rail bridge at Peoria were reported washed out Monday night. A portion of a bridge at Deer Trail was swept away last week and the business portion of the town submerged with several inches of water. A highway bridge on highway 36 near the Parrot ranch is said to have suffered heavy damage Monday night.

A crew of workers were busy the first of the week re-aligning the rail bridge at Byers and removing debris.

A number of county bridges in the area were either washed away or approaches taken out during the recent heavy rains and high water.

Weakened bridges forced abandonment of trains on the line of the Union Pacific for several days, but due to vigorous efforts on the part of construction crews, rail service was resumed again last evening. Mail has been carried most of the week by truck and bus.

Eastern Colorado News
August 6, 1936

Coast Artillery Roars First Time in Eight Years



1400-pound projectiles being fired from the United States army's 14-inch railway rifles during target practice on a range 70 miles south of Los Angeles. It was the first time such maneuvers have been held since 1928.

Eastern Colorado News
August 6, 1936

Got in on the \$1.80

Roy Christner from the Living Springs country was in town Thursday with a load of wheat, which he got in on the \$1.80 market. While in town he stopped in the News office and did the same thing many other people are doing—he slipped us a silver “buck” and told us to send him the News for a year, Thank you, Mr. Christner,

The Strasburg News
August 3, 1916

TRUTH, IF NOT POETRY

A hen is not supposed to have
Much common sense or tact,
Yet every time she lays an egg,
She cackles forth the fact.
A rooster hasn't got a lot
Of intellect to show;
But none the less most roosters have
Enough sense to crow.
The mule, the most despised of beasts,
Has a persistent way
Of letting folks know he's around
By his insistent bray.
The busy little bees they buzz,
Bulls bellow and cows moo,
The watchdogs bark, the ganders quack,
And doves and pigeons coo.
The peacock spreads his tail and squawks
Pigs squeal and robins sing,
And even serpents know enough
To hiss before they sting.
But man, the greatest masterpiece
That Nature could devise,
Will often stop and hesitate
Before he'll advertise.

The Strasburg News
August 6, 1931

ROY ILGEN ACCIDENTLY KILLED
IN WELL

Roy Ilgen, a farmer living in the Leader neighborhood, was accidentally killed Monday afternoon while he was cleaning his well. A piece of pipe became disengaged while the mill was running and fell into the well on the top of his head, crushing the skull and breaking his neck. His wife who was near the well heard him coughing and strangling and procuring help, got him out and called the doctor, but he died without regaining consciousness. He was buried in the Byers cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

The Strasburg News
August 5, 1926

Poison Weed Kills
East Adams Livestock

According to report from County Agent C. G. Staver, livestock losses have been reported in some parts of Eastern Adams county. It about the time of the year that a poisonous weed known as suckleya makes its appearance and is very poisonous to cattle and sheep the Agent continued.

“This is a low growing plant with red stems and rather small leaves. Its stems are full of juice and it resembles somewhat some of the common creeping types of weeds which are non poisonous.

“Perhaps the most common place suckleya is found is near water holes or on the edge of them. As the water holes begin to get smaller the weeds grow on the land that was formerly covered by water.

“If this weed is present it is best to take stock out of the pasture or take a disc or other tool and completely eradicate the weed.”

Eastern Colorado News
August 6, 1942

Careless Smoker Thot
Cause of Wheat Fire
At Strasburg Thursday

A fire, thought to have been caused from a cigaret tossed from a passing car, destroyed thirty acres of fine wheat for Talmadge Miller at his farm 2 miles northwest of Strasburg last Thursday at mid-day.

It is estimated the field would have yielded about 1,000 bushels, with a resultant cash loss of well over \$500.

Local fire fighters went to the scene of the conflagration to try to check its spread.

About 30 acres of the grain was consumed by the blaze.

Eastern Colorado News
August 7, 1941

Innocence Abroad



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The Strasburg News
August 5, 1926

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- A DUI bust was made in the 100 block of Elm Street, **Bennett**.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- A traffic arrest was made on Bennett Avenue, **Bennett**.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

- An animal call was received from the 61600 block of East Hampden Place, **Byers**.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

- Sexual assault was reported in the Sky Ranch, **Aurora**, area.
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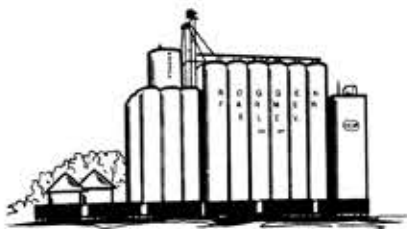
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This perspective is evident as approximately 55% of all the 10-Year Plan's projects include pavement work.

Key initiatives include the Colorado Mountain Rail and Front Range Passenger Rail projects, which will help develop a passenger rail network that connects mountain towns and Front Range communities with Denver.

These initiatives leverage existing infrastructure to meet increasing demand for efficient and safe travel alternatives in Colorado.

On the eastern plains, the I-70 Concrete Reconstruction project from Genoa to Arriba will improve safety and long-term highway durability by reconstructing several miles of poorly rated pavement on one of the state's most critical freight corridors.

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PEEWEE T-BALL

Registration for peewee T-ball for ages 2-4 ends on Sunday, Aug. 9, with the four-week season starting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the north T-ball field in Strasburg.

The program introduces little ones to team play, sharing and physical activity. Parental involvement is highly encouraged. No practices will occur and game time is strictly fun time.

The registration fee (\$45 in-district, \$50 out-of-district) includes a T-shirt and award. All teams are coed.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Registration for youth volleyball

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EASTERN PLAINS YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Eastern Plains Youth Volleyball program for grades 3-6 includes two or more games each Sunday over six weeks plus a tournament weekend from mid-August through Oct. 18.

The registration fee is \$80.

Practices will occur in Strasburg. Games will be played locally and at other Eastern Colorado locations.

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The Northeast Colorado Volleyball League for grades 5-6 entails practice in Strasburg and games at Brush, Fort Morgan and Wiggins. Teams play 14 games over six weeks plus two tournament dates on Saturdays from mid-August through Oct. 18.

Practices will occur in Strasburg. The registration fee is \$160.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUG. 6

Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.

SATURDAY, AUG. 8

Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 9 a.m. via Zoom. Call Diane at (303)644-3717 for log-on information.

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MONDAY, AUG. 10

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 9-11 a.m., Kelter Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registration at newclient.link2feed.com.

Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Strasburg High School Central Services building

board room. Zoom participation available. Visit strasburg31j.com for link.

Comanche Crossing Historical Society. 6:30 p.m., museum office, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

Bingo. 7 p.m., Byers American Legion.

Byers Water & Sanitation District Board. 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.

Deer Trail Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Deer Trail Firehouse.

TUESDAY, AUG. 11

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.

Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit bennettco.gov.

Deer Trail Town Board. Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

Deer Trail Conservation District Board. 1 p.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.

Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board. 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

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WELCOME BACK, TRIBE!

We are thrilled to welcome students, families, and staff for the 2026–2027 school year. I feel truly blessed to continue serving Strasburg 31J — this is my fifth year in the district and third as your Superintendent. Together we've accomplished a great deal: **K–12 alignment of instructional practices, a strong recruitment and retention plan, and a focused commitment to our Profile of a Learner character traits.**

This year we'll build on that progress by using Profile of a Learner rubrics to track growth from preschool through grade 12, expanding student pathway course offerings, and continuing to raise academic outcomes for every learner. We're also rolling out an updated Student Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Devices policy designed to boost engagement and support student mental health. Thank you to the students, staff, and families who contributed feedback and time to shape this thoughtful policy — see the policy at a glance below.

Here's to a joyful, successful year of making core memories together!

Kelle Bongard, Superintendent

What is a PROFILE OF A LEARNER

Our Profile of a Learner outlines the knowledge, attitudes, and skills that a student should develop. It serves as a roadmap for what students should know, be able to do, and care about throughout their educational journey in Strasburg 31J.

- EMPOWERED COLLABORATOR**
Responsible, open-minded collaborator, who relies on emotional intelligence for decision-making.
- RESILIENT ACHIEVER**
Self-aware achiever with stamina, adaptability, and persistence.
- REFLECTIVE THINKER**
Thoughtful, knowledgeable, thinker who values individuality, embraces diverse perspectives, and is mindful.
- ENGAGED COMMUNICATOR**
Effective communicator, who confidently listens, speaks, and writes.
- FUTURE-READY CONTRIBUTOR**
Entrepreneurial and innovative contributor, who is prepared for success after graduation.
- CREATIVE SOLUTION-SEEKER**
Creative solution-seeker with critical thinking and effective time management skills.
- FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN**
Financially aware citizen, who understands spending habits and is practical about finances.



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New Electronic Device Policy: What Parents Need to Know

Why are we doing this?

- To improve the learning environment at Strasburg School District for ALL students.
- To build stronger relationships and real-world skills.
 - Without phones, students interact more, build social skills, and stay engaged in their learning.
- Links between heavy smartphone/social media use and rising teen anxiety/depression.
- We believe that these changes will improve learning, as well as mental health, for our students.

Grades PreK-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
- Personal electronic device use is strictly prohibited during school hours. - All personal electronic devices are strongly encouraged to stay home. If brought to school, they must be turned off and stored in the student's backpacks until dismissal. - Exceptions are available for students with IEPs or 504 plans that require access to a device for medical reasons.	- Personal electronic device use is strictly prohibited during school hours. - All personal electronic devices are strongly encouraged to stay home. If brought to school, they will be turned off and stored in a locked storage unit until dismissal. - The office will assist with personal electronic devices for students who arrive late or leave early. - Exceptions are available for students with IEPs or 504 plans that require access to a device for medical reasons.	- Personal electronic device use is strictly prohibited during school hours while in the building. - Students will be issued a locking pouch to store their phone in during the day. The pouch will be turned into its designated spot in each classroom throughout the day. - When students leave campus, they can unlock the pouch at the exit doors to retrieve their phone. - Students may only use district-issued Chromebooks. - Exceptions are available for students with IEPs or 504 plans that require access to a device for medical reasons.

What if I need to pick up or reach my student in an emergency (urgent issues that must be communicated immediately, before the end of school, and cannot be taken care of via email)?

- If you have an emergency and you need to reach or pick up your student, call the Front Office and they will support you.
- The Front Office will notify your child and give them access to a school phone to contact you.

What if I need to reach my student and it's not an emergency?

- Call or text them, and they will be able to retrieve the message when their school day is complete.
- In grades 9-12, another way to communicate with your student during the day is by email, (although not encouraged) as students have access to their Chromebooks and email using their strasburg31j.com email account.

*Personal electronic device includes any privately-owned portable technology device, including but not limited to cell phones, a smart or electronic watch, pagers, tablets, laptops, Chromebooks, virtual reality devices, wireless earbuds/earphones, cameras, audio and/or video recorders and players, and all any other hand-held electronic communication and data storage devices.

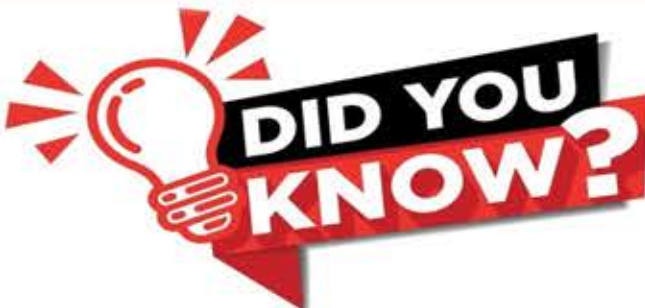


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